

city of the country, and to secure to us all the blessings and advantages which our incomparable system of governments was designed to secure and perpetuate.

During the past year we have been favoured with abundant productions of the earth, and a general prevalence of health throughout the country. Grateful for these blessings, let us look to Him with thankfulness, who in his munificence bestowed them, and who formed and can influence the human mind, to direct our attention to such public measures as may be best calculated to promote the real and substantial interests and prosperity of the state. In all measures calculated to promote those ends, you will assuredly have our prompt and zealous co-operation.

With the highest respect we
have the honour to be
your ob'dt. sert.

JOSEPH KENT.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, the following order was read:

Ordered, That 500 copies of the Governor's message, with the accompanying papers and documents, be printed under the direction of the committee of claims.

Mr. Gantt moved to amend said order, by striking out 500 and inserting 400; and the question being taken thereon, it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Teackle also moved to amend said order, by striking out the words 'under the direction of the committee of claims,' and the question thereon being taken, it was determined in the negative.

The said order was then adopted without amendment.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 3, 1828.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Douglas, of Dorchester, presented a petition from Lufkin Tall, of Dorchester county, praying the passage of an act to change his name to Lufkin Tall Traverse: which was referred to Messrs. Douglas, of Dorchester, Isaac F. Williams and Lake.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Taylor's Island, in Dorchester county, praying the passage of an act authorising the erection of gates across a certain public road on said Island; which was referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, Lake and Williams of Dorchester.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read and laid on the table, viz.

Ordered, That so much of the Executive communication as relates to the weights and measures, be referred to a select committee. That so much thereof as relates to the penitentiary, be referred to a standing committee to be called the committee on